

## BLACK-DRAUGHT AS A PREVENTIVE

When You Begin Feeling Bad With  
Feverishness, Headache, Cold,  
or Constipation, Give Your  
Liver a Tonic—Take  
Black-Draught.

Candler, N. C.—"I don't believe there is a better medicine made than Black-Draught; I have used it and my mother's folks used it for colds, feverishness, headache and deranged liver." This statement recently was made by Mr. C. B. Trull, a well-known farmer on Route 3, this place.

"I have, before now, begun feeling dull, a headache would come on, and I would feel all full of cold, and take a few doses of Black-Draught and get all right," adds Mr. Trull.

"Last year my brother had measles, flu and pneumonia. They wired us; I went to Camp Jackson to look him up. Down there different ones were using preventatives. I stayed with him. The only thing I used was Black-Draught. It kept my system cleansed and I kept well and strong."

By keeping your liver and stomach in good order, you stand in little danger of catching serious ills that occasionally spread through town and country.

Get a package of Black-Draught and have it ready for the first symptom of a disordered liver.

Most druggists sell Black-Draught.

Every woman gets a lot of satisfaction out of her belief that other women envy her.

## MOTHER!

"California Syrup of Figs"  
Child's Best Laxative



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruity taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California,"—Adv.

It's not difficult to judge some men by their clothes—politeness and letter carriers, for example.

## USES OF ASPIRIN

Bayer Company, who introduced Aspirin 18 years ago, give advice.

Aspirin created a sensation when introduced by Bayer over eighteen years ago. Physicians at once proved its wonderful efficiency in the relief of pain. The genuine, world-famous Aspirin, in "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" is safely taken by millions for colds, headache, rheumatism, neuralgia, dizziness, toothache, aching joints, neuritis and pain generally.

Be sure the "Bayer Cross" which is the mark of true "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin," is on each genuine package and each genuine tablet.

Boxes of 12 tablets cost but a few cents and contain proper directions. Druggists also sell larger "Bayer" packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacturing of Monocetyl-salicylate of Sodium—Adv.

Muscle as a curative power was employed by the Romans in case of gout and sciatica.

## "CARRY ON!"

If Constipated, Bilious  
or Headachy, take  
"Cascarets"

Feel grand! Be efficient! Don't stay sick, bilious, headachy, constipated. Remove the liver and bowel poison which is keeping your head dizzy, your tongue coated, your breath bad and your stomach sour. Why not get a small box of Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest laxative-cathartic you ever experienced? Cascarets never gripe, sicken or inconvenience one like Salts, Oil, Calomel or harsh pills. Cascarets bring sunshine to cloudy minds and half-sick bodies. They work while you sleep. Adv.

Sometimes the man who looks before he leaps gives the other fellow a chance to beat him to it.

## FRECKLES

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.  
There's no longer the slightest cause of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as Othello's double strength is guaranteed to remove these hateful spots.  
Simply get an ounce of Othello—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is said that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and take a beautiful clear complexion.  
Be sure to ask for the double strength Othello, as this is the only guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.  
Lover's knots do not always result in wedding ties.

## VATICAN BESTOWS HONOR ON BENSON

AMERICAN ADMIRAL IS DECORATED WITH CROSS OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT.

## WAR RECORD IS PRAISED

Cardinal Gibbons Officially at the Ceremony, Which Is Very Impressive—Bishop Russell of Charleston Orator of Occasion.

Baltimore, Md.—As papal representative, Cardinal Gibbons during a solemn mass at the Cathedral conferred upon Rear Admiral William Shepard Benson, U. S. N., former chief of naval operations, the knighthood and cross of the order of St. Gregory the Great, military class. Sec. Daniels was an interested guest.

Pope Benedict authorized the honor last January in recognition of the valor, loyalty and Christian example of the admiral, who became a Catholic during his studies, years ago, at the Naval Academy. The decorations consisted of a yellow-tinged stole, a silver star and a gold, octagonal cross.

A message to the admiral from the pope was read, showing the purpose of the pontiff to honor, with the admiral, the entire American nation, and especially praising the example of piety, devotion and Christian virtue set by the naval hero.

As Bishop William T. Russell of Charleston, S. C., who was the orator of the occasion, explained, loyalty, devotion and self-sacrifice was as whole by a Christian virtue as it was patriotism.

In the midst of his sermon the bishop made reference indirectly to the Admiral Sims affair. Turning directly toward the secretary of the navy, Bishop Russell said:

"The officers of the navy are not dictators, but servants. When our properly constituted congress sees fit to declare war and to prosecute it, then congress and its agents deserve respect, both from citizens and officers, and in the case of the officer it is not his reason why, but more to do and, if necessary, die." When an officer has given the best in him, has made sacrifice and has given unserving devotion, then is he, indeed, worthy of honor."

At this point Bishop Russell reminded the congregation of the great task which Admiral Benson, as chief of naval operations, had surmounted. He had been aware at all hours of the day and night, the bishop said, without the aid of charts of the exact position of each American ship on the high seas. He pointed to the great accomplishment of having sent 2,000,000 men to France and supplies unlimited to the allied nations without the loss of a single ship. He told of the great skill that rendered the submarine innocuous, and then went on to pay tribute to the admiral.

## PRICE OF SUGAR ADVANCED

Announced That It Is Now Selling at 15 1/2 Cents Wholesale, and May Go Higher.

New York.—The American Sugar Refining Co. advanced the wholesale price of sugar to 15 1/2 cents and announced that unless there was a drop in the price of raw sugar further advances would shortly be inevitable. According to E. T. Gibson of the American Sugar Refining Company, raw sugar, including the duty, is now selling at 16 1/2 cents. The lower price of refined sugar is possible, Mr. Gibson said, because the company is now selling sugar which was bought raw at a much lower figure. Raw sugar, he said, had advanced six cents a pound in the last month.

## New Republic in Mexico.

Nogales, Sonora.—Customs houses and all property of the federal government of Mexico were formally seized in the name of the "republic of Sonora" here, simultaneously with receipt of a report of a clash between Carranza soldiers and Sonora state troops at Guaymas.

The report said Carranza soldiers at Guaymas were expelled from the town in a short fight, during which two Carranza soldiers were killed. Sonora troops control the entire state, according to official reports.

## Charge Records "Doctored."

New York.—Charges of perjured testimony and a doctored record in the trial of the five Socialists expelled from the New York assembly are made in a statement issued by the national executive committee of the Socialist party.

## Buy American Locomotives.

London.—A Stockholm dispatch to the London Times says that according to advices received from Reval, the Russian commercial delegation in Reval has contracted with an American agency for the purchase of 500 locomotives.

Berlin.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, will appear again before the second parliamentary investigation commission.

## Pay High Interest.

Washington.—A high record for interest rates on war or post-war government securities was disclosed by Secretary Houston in announcing two new issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness bearing 5 and 5 1/4 per cent.

Leitchfield, Ky.—Apparently fearing a recurrence of recent night riding, State Adjutant General Deweese has ordered the Leitchfield machine gun company, a state organization, to May field, where tobacco was burned.

## EXCLUDE OFFICERS FROM THE BONUS

BILL NOW BEING FRAMED WILL APPLY TO ENLISTED MEN ONLY.

## A DOLLAR FOR EACH DAY

Fund of Approximately a Billion Dollars Would Be Raised By Sales Tax—Short Term Men Are Excluded.

Washington.—A tentative soldier bonus bill calling for the payment of \$1 for each day's service to approximately 3,000,000 of the 4,800,000 men who served during the war, the money to be raised by a general sales tax, has been approved by the cash bonus subcommittee of the House ways and means committee.

The total expenditure necessary is estimated at slightly less than \$1,000,000,000, and present plans call for a sales tax of one-half of one per cent, although the subcommittee is awaiting estimates from the Treasury Department as to just how much could be raised in this manner.

Representative Fordney, of Michigan, chairman of the ways and means committee, said that he expected to report the measure, probably with some modifications, in the House next week. He said he had received word that if the House passed the bill within the next two weeks Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader in the Senate, would put it through that body by June 1. However, many obstacles are yet in the way, and it is possible that final enactment may be delayed until after the political conventions in June.

With the purpose of limiting the bonus only to those men who made large financial sacrifices during the war the subcommittee has excluded from its benefits the following classes: Men who served less than 60 days and already have received a bonus of \$60.

All officers. Regular army men who were in the service before the declaration of war. Yeomanettes and men assigned to industrial and shipyard work, where they received remuneration in addition to the regular army pay.

Men who received compensation from their employers or private business interests while in the service. Under the subcommittee plan the service man will have to apply for the bonus and make out an affidavit that he does not come within the above classes.

The average bonus to be paid is estimated at \$400, as the War Department has found that the average service man has 400 days. The Navy Department has informed the subcommittee that its share would amount to \$175,000,000, and the cost of establishing an organization to pay was placed at \$700,000.

The bonus would be paid in four installments and the tax collected in the same manner. Small businesses having total sales of less than \$25,000 a year would be exempt from the sales tax, as would the farmers.

This levy would not be a stamp tax but all business would simply pay one-half of one per cent on their sales every three months. The new form of taxation is the only way in which the revenue for the bonus could be raised, the subcommittee has decided. Should the measure become law its operation will be watched carefully, as there is some strong sentiment in Congress for having it replace the excess profit and some consumption taxes when a general revision of the revenue laws is made next year.

## FRENCH AND BRITISH AGREE

Premier Millerand Asserts in Chamber of Deputies That All Is Now Serene.

Paris.—"Noble Belgium stood by us while our erstwhile friends were lacking."

Wild cheers greeted Premier Millerand when he made this statement in the Chamber of Deputies in the course of a speech on the Ruhr controversy.

The premier's utterance was designed as an expression of gratitude to Belgium, rather than a reproach to Britain and Italy, for he emphasized throughout his speech that the differences with those nations have been smoothed out and accord once more reigns in the councils of the allies.

M. Millerand concluded by saying "all is now well, and I will soon leave for San Remo."

## Food By Airplane.

Monroe, La.—Food supplies and medicines obtained here were shortly afterward dropped from airplane to inhabitants of Eros, the little Jackson Parish sawmill town which was the path of a tornado which wrecked all but two buildings and severely damaged those.

## Sympathy Strike in Ireland.

Dublin.—The strike in Ireland, except in Ulster, in sympathy with the political prisoners here and elsewhere, was a general one.

## Big Loan Subscribed.

Washington.—Secretary Houston announced that subscriptions to the issue of treasury certificates dated the 1st of April totaled \$200,669,000. This issue matures July 1, and bears interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

## Celebrate Anniversary.

Charlottesville, Va.—The 101st anniversary of the founding of the University of Virginia was celebrated on the college grounds with Gov. Davis as a speaker.

# LADY LARKSPUR

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MRS. FARNSWORTH.

Synopsis.—Richard Searles, successful American playwright, confides to his friend, Bob Singleton, the fact that, inspired by the genius of a young actress whom he had seen in London, he has written a play, "Lady Larkspur," and that he should interpret the leading character. This girl, Violet Dewing, has disappeared. Singleton, an aviator, has just returned (invalidly) from France. His uncle, Raymond Bashford, a wealthy man, had contracted a marriage a short time before his death, while on a visit to Japan. He left Singleton a comparatively small amount of money and the privilege of residence in the "garage" of his summer home, Barton-on-the-Bound, Connecticut. Mrs. Bashford is believed to be traveling in the Orient. The household at Barton is made up of broken down employees of a New York hotel, where Bashford made his home. Singleton goes to Barton, taking with him the manuscript of "Lady Larkspur." There he finds the household strangely upset, some of its members being suspected by their comrades of pro-Germanism. Antone, head of the establishment, informs him that he has been perplexed by the somewhat mysterious visits of a stranger, apparently a foreigner, seeking Mrs. Bashford. Antone has formed the male members of the household into a guard for protection. Torrence, Bashford's lawyer, informs Singleton that Mrs. Bashford is in America and may be expected at Barton at any time. Singleton reads Searles' play and thinks highly of it. "Aunt Alice" arrives unexpectedly and meets with an unusual reception. Bob is mystified to find her a young and attractive woman.

## CHAPTER II—Continued.

This struck me as the pleasantest thing imaginable, though I was still dazed and my tongue seemed to have died in my mouth. This girl, this wholly charming and delightful young woman, was the monstrous being I had conjectured as the globe-trotting widow who had kidnapped and married my uncle. Not only had she married my uncle Bash and in due course buried him; she had been a widow when she married him. The thing was staggering, bewildering. She was clearly anxious to be friendly, but nothing that I had thought of saying to her fitted the situation.

"In the first place," I finally began, "I must apologize most humbly for the earnest efforts of the servants to murder you last night. Mr. Torrence had promised to let me know when you would reach here, but he must have forgotten it. I had motored to a friend's house to dine and didn't get back until the mischief was done. I'm very sorry."

"Not for the world would I have missed that," she exclaimed with a merry laugh. "It was perfectly delicious! And it was all my fault. I meant to remain a day at Hartford, you know, and send a message to Mr. Torrence from there, but I found that by pushing on I could reach here yesterday. And you know we English always expect strange things to happen in America. I don't understand yet why those people at the gates were so jolly anxious to kill us; but it doesn't matter; you would spoil the joke by explaining it."

However, I did my best—it was a weak attempt—to explain the nervousness of the veteran servants and their display of violence. Her arrival made it likely that we should soon know more about the "parties" whose visits and inquiries had so alarmed Antone and his comrades. I told her with all the humor I could throw into the recital of the drilling of the bell-boys and of the uncomfortable relations between the Allied forces and the Teutonic minority on the estate.

"It was dear of Mr. Bashford to provide a home for these people; wasn't he really the kindest soul that ever lived?" she said softly.

She gazed wistfully seaward, and I saw the gleam of tears on her long lashes. My uncle had, then, meant something to her! No one, in speech or manner, could have suggested the adventuresome less: uncle Bash was a gentleman, a man of esthetic tastes, and the girl was adorable. More remarkable things had happened in the history of love and marriage than that two such persons, meeting in a far corner of the world, would honestly care for each other.

"You stopped at Hartford," I began, breaking a long silence. "You have friends there?"

"Not one! I had made a pious pilgrimage to Mark Twain's last home at Redding, and hearing that he had lived at Hartford, I came through there to render my fullest homage. He has always been one of my heroes, you know."

"Our introduction is complete," I said reverently. "Let's consider ourselves old friends."

"I rather thought we understand each other," she said in her even, mellow tones. "You know, we had your photograph out East—a very good one, it seems—so I had an idea of what you looked like."

"He was very fond of you. He was very proud that you had gone into the war."

"I am glad to hear that; I thought he disapproved of me for refusing to go into business. He offered me a substantial interest before he sold out."

"I know that; but I think he liked

that. I am disposed to include all who believe in fairies good, or bad, and persons who honestly believe in signs, omens, and lucky stones, and all who have the receipt of fern-seed and walk invisible—there's Shakespeare for that."

"I think," said Mrs. Bashford soberly, "that I have always believed in witches; and if I keep on believing I shall see one some day. We shall find anything in this world that we believe in hard enough."

She was talking very gravely, as though witches were the commonest topic of conversation, but finding my eyes turned upon her in frank wonder, she laughed at my amazement.

"Let us be honest with you, Mr. Singleton," Mrs. Farnsworth explained, "and tell you that we are just testing you. It may be a breach of hospitality, and you are but a stranger, but we are curious to know whether you are of that small company of the favored of heaven who can play at being foolish without becoming idiotic. Alice is sometimes very near idiotic. You admit that, Alice?"

"I not only admit it, but I might even boast of it!" my aunt replied.

At the mention of witches I had caught Antone crossing himself as he turned to the sideboard. I confess that I myself had been startled by the drift of the talk. Mrs. Farnsworth and my aunt treated each other as though they were contemporaries, and it was Alice and Constance between them. As the talk ran exhaustively through the lore of witches and goblins I had hoped that one or the other would drop some clue as to the previous history of my amazing aunt. It was as plain as day that she and Mrs. Farnsworth indulged in whims for the joy of it, and her zest in the discussion of witches, carried on while Antone served the table, lips tightly compressed, and with an exaggeration of his stately tread, was the most startling from the fact that my aunt's companion was a woman of years, a handsome woman with a high-bred air who did not look at all like a person who would discuss witches as though they had been made the topic of the day by the afternoon newspapers.

And when the shape of a witch's chin became the immediate point of discussion I knew it was in Antone's mind that such conversation was unbecoming, an offense to the memory of Raymond Bashford. Mrs. Farnsworth's brown eyes sparkled, and the color deepened in my aunt's cheeks as we discussed upon witches and the charms thereof. I had a friend in college who used to indulge in the same sort of puffing, but that my uncle's widow and her elderly companion should delight in such absurdities bewildered me. I had been addressing my aunt as Mrs. Bashford—it seemed ridiculous to call her Aunt Alice—and in the heat of our argument as to whether witches are necessarily naughty and malign beings I had just uttered the "Mrs." when she bent toward me and said gravely and with no hint of archness: "Can't we make it Alice and Bob? I think that would be a lot friendlier."

I experienced a curious flutter of the heart the first time I tried it, but after that it came very easily. She was simply the jolliest, prettiest girl that had ever crossed my horizon, and to be talking to her across the table gave me thrills compared with which sliding out of clouds in an airplane is only a rocking-chair pastime for old men.

We had coffee on the veranda (Alice thought it would be nicer there), and as Antone gave me my cup he edged close to my chair to whisper: "That party, sir. If he should come—"

"Tell the troops not to attack any visitors," I said, loud enough for the others to hear. "Mr. Torrence will be here shortly, and it would be annoying to have him ushered in on a shutter."

"I know why this is the land of the free and the home of the brave," laughed Alice. "One has to be brave to live here."

"Those women are playing a trick."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## PART OF RELIGIOUS RITES

Hula Dancers Were Trained by Ancient Hawaiians to Take Part in Ceremonies.

Hula dancing long had its established school for the training of dancers in Hawaii. Originally, however, it was not the suggestive dance it is today, having been a religious rite of the ancient Hawaiians. To them the hula occupied the place of our concert hall, lecture room, opera and theater, and was their chief means of social enjoyment. The Hawaiians perpetuated their past, and inspired pure sentiment and lofty purposes by this dancing. The dancers were highly paid artists, not because it was held in disrepute, but because the art of the hula was an accomplishment of special education and arduous training. In both song and dance, mostly for religious purposes.

As a religious matter the hula dance was to guard against profanation by the observance of various religious rites. The entire ceremonies were the result of premeditation and organized effort, the dancers being selected with great care from the flower of the land, including the most beautiful and physically perfect. The actors represented gods and goddesses of old earth come back again.

## Convertible Skates.

A Chicagoan has invented a convertible skate. Which reminds us—though it is nothing pertaining to the subject—did you ever notice how quickly a man sobers when his wife sights him? The convertible skate is not new by any manner of means.—Buffalo News.

## Gain Living From The Sea.

The Japanese are the only people who have ever undertaken the systematic planting and harvesting of seaweed and other marine vegetation.

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Mr. Barnett walked with two canes and was all bent over like an aged man. When the terrible pains shot through my kidneys my knees would give way, and many times I had to be lifted to my feet by people on the street. I didn't care whether I lived or died I was so miserable. I finally used Doan's Kidney Pills and they cured me of all kidney trouble. Doan's made me strong and well."

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